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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). A lamp comprising a base, a shade and a coupler between the base and the shade removably securing the shade to the base ~~The lamp of claim 1~~ wherein the base includes a neck and the shade includes a lip adapted to sit in the neck, the coupler including a cup extending a stem extending through the lip and into the neck.

Claim 3 (original): The lamp of claim 2 wherein the base defines a threaded bore and the coupler includes a threaded screw for threadingly securing the coupler to the base.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 2 wherein the cup the stem of the coupler includes a circumferential cylindrical wall defining a cavity adapted to receive a candle.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 4 wherein a ring surrounds the wall defining the cavity the stem.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A coupler adapted to removably secure a hollow lamp shade to a lamp base, the coupler including a head portion for seating within the lamp shade and a cup adapted a stem adapted to extend between the shade and the base and unitary with the head portion.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The coupler of claim 6 wherein the head portion includes a ring unitary with the cup the stem and adapted to abut against the interior of the shade.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The coupler of claim 6 wherein the cup the stem defines a cavity adapted to receive a candle.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): The coupler of claim 6 wherein ~~the cup the stem~~ includes a fastening member for threadingly securing the coupler to the lamp base.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A lamp comprising:  
a base including a neck defining an interior cavity;  
a shade seated over the neck and including a lower circumferential lip defining an opening in the shade; and

a ring seated against the interior of the lip and including a cup extending a stem ~~extending~~ through the opening defined in the shade and into the cavity defined in the neck, the cup the stem being releasably secured to the base for releasably securing the shade to the base.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 10 wherein the base defines a threaded bore and the cup the stem includes a screw threadingly releasably secured in the bore.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 10 wherein the ~~stem~~ defines a cup ~~is~~ adapted to receive a candle and the ring surrounds a top circumferential edge of the cup.